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Cholesterol Sulfate and Amino Sugar Compositions

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The references are:

1. Bouwstra, J. A., et al., "Cholesterol sulfate and calcium affect stratum corneum lipid organization over a wide temperature range" Journal of Lipid Research, vol. 40, 2303-12, (Dec. 1999).

2. Abraham, W., et al., "Interaction between corneocytes and stratum corneum lipid liposomes in vitro" Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, 1021, pp. 119-25 (1990).

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